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3. The development of the echographs and echo sounding devices was based on instrument No 8621.001-00001. This instrument had an impulse generator equipped with a 1 μ F-condenser which, charged to a voltage of about 2 kV, discharged in the rhythm of the disc rotating in the indicator system via a low-resistance oscillator system of about 0.5 Ohm.

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4. The three versions of the basic type No 8621.001, developed by late 1953 included:

8621.002-00001 (echo sounding device)
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- c. Echo recording device No 8621.007 differed from the basic model in the following details: The final stage of the resonance amplifier was equipped with an EL-11 type tube. The depth measuring range from 1 to 1,200 meters was divided into 6 sub ranges each of 200 meters. The recorder chart moved 200 mm per hour and the speed of the recording pen was increased about 100 percent.

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7. In the Summer of 1953, Wasserstrassenbauamt (Construction Office for Water ~~Magdeburg~~ Magdeburg and Soviet representatives ordered the development of an echo-sounding device for very shallow waters which was to operate with saw-tooth type frequency. In September 1954 the experimental model was completed by Roessler and Rueffert. In inland waters the instrument was to detect precisely sandbanks, drift sand movements and to determine whether the bottom was drift sand or solid. The instrument was tested in the Berlin area in the presence of representatives of Wasserstrassenbauamt Magdeburg and the USSR. The experiments were successfully completed in late October 1954.

The instrument operated with a frequency of 48 kc/s on the principle that the arriving echo automatically effected a new transmitter impulse. The data obtained were indicated by an indicator instrument and by a recorder. The sounding device was designed for depths between 30 cm and 20 meters and operated with an accuracy of 10 cm. The production of a series of 30 or 40 units was to be started in early 1955. The plant expected a large production order from the Soviets.

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8. An order for the development of an omnidirectional echo sounding device was received from the Soviets and the KVP in 1953. The development project was started in January 1954 and by November the plant was still involved in designing and drawing work. The experimental model was scheduled to be completed in 1959 and series production was to start subsequently. The device was copied from a omnidirectional echo sounding instrument of the former Kriegsmarine (German Navy). The new instrument was to be smaller in dimensions and designed for the material now in use. ~~Records of the Kriegsmarine~~ records of the Kriegsmarine were not ~~available~~ available. The confidential project had the cover designation K 94. Both, the Soviets and the KVP Sea had some special technical requirements which had not yet been fixed. Willi Engel, an impulse expert of the TET Department (Technical Development of Decimeter and Centimeter Instruments), was in charge of the project.

The instrument was to operate at a frequency of 15 kc/s and to make possible horizontal and vertical soundings to a maximum range of 8,000 meters. The oscillator was to be mounted in a group of four on a rotating periscope. The order for the development of the extending mechanism for the omnidirectional echo sounding device and for the construction of an experimental model had been received from WTB fuer Geraetebau (Scientific Technical Office for Instrument Construction) in Berlin in March 1954. Personnel problems hampered the development activities. EFEM (Development and Production of Electric Measuring Instruments) was allegedly also involved in the development of sounding devices.

9. In the spring of 1954, conferences at Funkwerk Koepenick were held with 3 to 5 representatives of the VP See from Stralsund and with experts from the plant. Some VP representatives wore civilian clothes. Funkwerk Koepenick was represented by Professor Pessler (fnu), Dr Weber, Roessler, Kersten and by Klein of the designing office. The subject handled during the conferences indicated that the VP See representatives were technically well trained and that they had good special knowledge in some fields. The last conference held in May 1954 attended also by a representative of the Sea Hydrographic Service in Stralsund. The possibilities of constructing an echo sounding instrument for an experimental boat of aluminum which was under construction at a shipyard in Stralsund were discussed at the conferences. The VP See representatives stated that the hull was made of ALMG 5 type aluminum which was similar to the "Hydronal" used in aircraft production. The experts of Funkwerk Koepenick were shown a material sample. The aluminum plates for the sides and bottom of the hull were 5 mm thick. The keel of the boat was very flat. The echo sounding device was to be designed for lightweight construction of smallest dimensions for a measuring range from 50 cm to 400 meters. It was of primary importance that the oscillator be located in the hull in order to keep the stream line under any circumstances.

The experts of Funkwerk Koepenick stated that ~~the lack of~~ experience with this new type of oscillator in ~~the~~ (assembly), a comparatively long period would be required for the research activities. Furthermore various materials would have to be obtained from the West. When the VP See representatives gave October 1954 as the last possible target date, the order was turned down by the plant management on advice of the experts.

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10. As suggested by Laboratory TEN 3, an ~~agency~~ request for the redevelopment of the PL 21 thyatron of the Philips ~~firm~~ was turned over to the Werk fuer Fernmeldewesen (Plant of Telecommunications) in September 1954. This was done in order to speed the conversion to miniature-type construction. The funds were already approved. It was also planned to copy a "Sendytron" (sic) from a western model to replace the mechanical relay in an impulse generator. Mercury was to be used for the anode and cathode. The power was to be 300 amp at 2 kV.
11. Dipl Ing Hasler (fnu) worked on the development of oscillators for the purpose of analyzing the magnetostrictional properties of various materials and to produce an instrument to measure the absolute output of the oscillators. The Hermsdorf Ceramic Works supplied the barium titanate required for these activities.
12. The following development projects were handled by Laboratory TEN 4:
- Seaworthy moving coil microphone for frequencies up to 7 kc/s. At 5 ~~kc/s~~ the frequency curve showed a depression of 5 decibels. The microphone was similar to a reported microphone and equipped with a diaphragm of "Stiroflex" foil and a coil of 0.06 mm copper wire.
 - Switchable condenser microphone with electrically adjustable characteristics.
The microphone cited in paragraph "a", a development of Siegfried Riemann, was completed in October 1954 and subsequently tested at a broadcast. The sound engineers stated that this was the best microphone they knew of and that it was even better than Western products. The microphone was equipped with a gold foil.
 - Sounding device to measure the content of silos and bunkers, etc. The test model was completed in October 1954.
 - Train supervising device.
 - Crack detector to find material defects in sheets, etc, by means of a change in the magnetic field which in turn was indicated by a glow lamp. The development was completed in November 1954. A further development of the detector by Schoene was planned for 1955.
 - Tape recorder with very constant operation at a tape speed of 19 cm/s and with frequency spectrum.
 - Tape recorder for the modulation of SOS distress call devices.
 - Dictograph for blind persons. Experiments to use wire as sound carrier had failed.
13. The output of echo recorders and echo sounding devices amounted to:
- Model 8621.001 echo recorders
- 1953: 60 sets for the USSR
10 sets for the Rostock and Sassnitz Fishing Combines
 - 1954: 120 sets for Stralsund Volkswerft to be installed in luggers, trawlers etc for the USSR
10 sets for East German requirements

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Model 8621.002 echo sounding devices

1953: about 70 sets for the USSR via Volkswerft Stralsund
2 sets for Rostock/Marienehe Fishing Combine

1954: 50 to 70 sets were delivered to the USSR
10 sets for the DDR were completed.

All instruments produced for the USSR were delivered with a spare parts kit containing 5 sets of all component parts, while the instruments for East German requirements had only one set of spare parts.

14. The 1955 production plan included:

30 echo recorders, model No 8621.003 for the Rostock and Sassnitz Fishing Combines

220 echo recorders, model No 8621.007, most of them probably for the USSR

100 echo sounding devices.

The electronic fish detector was to be produced by Plant II after November 1955. Four experimental instruments were to be sea tested.

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15. All echo sounding devices had to meet the requirements of the Soviet Nautical Register (Seefahrtsregister). One especially important factor was that the Soviet Nautical Register did not permit the use of electrolytic condensers. All instruments had to be protected against water and to operate at a temperature range of 70° Centigrade above zero to 50° Centigrade below zero. Also required were special safety contacts, and additional specifications for the shafts of the potentiometers and the tube supports. All casings had to be produced of silumin.

16. The equipment of the TEN laboratories was complete and included many ~~new~~ new instruments of postwar production. The activities of the TEN 3 laboratory were handicapped by the lack of a test stand for impedance specially designed for magnetostrictional oscillators and the lack of a measuring boat for mobile tests. A test stand available at the Dahme river, was designed only for horizontal measurements to 960 meters. Further handicaps were the various temperatures of water layering which effected indication errors as a result of the refraction of the bundled ultrasonic ray. These partly serious difficulties made the plant management speed the completion of a measuring boat which was only half completed at a shipyard in Fuerstenberg/Oder by 3 November 1954. Although the boat was scheduled to be put into operation in the summer of 1954, it would probably not be completed before the fall of 1955.

17. A Chinese and a Korean commission visited the plant in mid-1954. The latter commission was presented with a complete set of an echo recording device and the first production model of a fish detector. The funds for this present had been made available by collections at the plant. Soviet commissions, mostly engineers, frequently visited the plant.

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18. The development projects were hampered considerably by supply difficulties. Even for simple single parts the delivery term was six months. Major difficulties were involved in the supply of the following parts:

high voltage condensers, 0.25 to 2 μ F for 2 to 6 KV
special miniature condensers of metallic paper and [REDACTED]
220-V miniature motors; the [REDACTED] were of poor quality
and the delivery terms 9 months

piezoelectrical material from the Hermsdorf Ceramics Plant
cathode ray tubes from the Plant of Telecommunications and
Funkwerk Erfurt, allegedly because of a shortage of molybdenum
and tungsten.

19. Ing Walter Treusch and Ing Sieland (fnu) worked in the research department of the tumor [REDACTED] of the Institute of Medicine and Biology of the DAdW (German Academy of Sciences) at Berlin Buch on the development of an electronic computing instrument. The instrument was to be equipped with tubes of the 80-type series of East German production and with [REDACTED] tubes. An experimental model of the instrument was allegedly completed.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. For table of organization and personnel of the plant and the TEN departments, see Annex.

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Table of Organization and Personnel of Funkwerk Koepenick, Especially
Department TEN for Low Frequency Techniques

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A. Key Positions

Plant chief and commercial manager: Paul Boeer,

Technical manager:

Plant I Development Department I

Development Department II for Measuring Instruments and Low Frequency Techniques.

Chief:

Dr Heinrich Weber,

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Plant II

Chief production:

Ing Schmidt,

Production Department

Mechanical workshop: Stange (fnu)
Switching technical
workshop: Krieger (fnu)
Quality control

Plant III to be transferred from Zernsdorf.

B. Table of Organization of Development Department II

TEN Department

Chief:

Ing ~~Walter~~ ~~Geissler~~,
his assistants were Willi Rosen and two others

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TEN 1, Amplifier Laboratory: Geissler and 5 assistants

TEN 2, Modulation Laboratory: ~~Ing ~~Walter~~ ~~Geissler~~ and 5 assistants~~
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TEN 3, Hydroacoustical
Laboratory:

Ing Harald Pogeler,

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Personnel of TEN 3Deputy chief of laboratory, &
developer of echo recording
devices:

Ing Alfred Kesten, [REDACTED]

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Competent for echo sounding device
for small depths and for fish
detectors:

Ing Roessler, [REDACTED]

Oscillators:

Dipl Ing Gotthardt Hassler, [REDACTED]

Omnidirectional echo sounding
device:

Ing Willi Engel, [REDACTED]

Echo sounding device for small
depths and fish detector:

Ing Ernst Rueffert, [REDACTED]

Echo recording device:

Ing Kurt Mueller, [REDACTED]

Laboratory assistant

Hardt (fnu), [REDACTED]

Switching mechanic

Alfred Calenius, [REDACTED]

Chief mechanic

Kurt Drefke, [REDACTED]

TEN 4, Electroacoustical Laboratory: Ing Fritz Knochenhauer,

Personnel of TEN 4

Laboratory technician:

Heinz Kosmehl, [REDACTED]

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Ing Heinz Lehmann, [REDACTED]

Crack detector:

Ing Schoene (fnu), [REDACTED]

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Damping recorder:

Ing Gnabs (fnu), [REDACTED]

Laboratory technician and
competent expert for microphones:

Siegfried Riemann, [REDACTED]

Mechanic:

Timpel (fnu), [REDACTED]

Section chief and expert for
bunker sounding device:

Ing Helmut Vorbrodt, [REDACTED]

Endolein (fnu)

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TEN 5, Quartz Laboratory:

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A laboratory workshop with 8 persons and the administration with three persons belonged also to the TEN Department. 25

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TET Department

Chief:

The department included laboratories, among others, for television control installations and magnetic oscillographs. The laboratory and the Department laboratory office.

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3. An order for the development of an omnidirectional echo sounding device was received from the Soviets and the KVP See in 1953. The development project was started in January 1954 and by November the plant was still involved in designing and drawing work. The experimental model was scheduled to be completed in 1959 and series production was to start subsequently. The device was copied from a omnidirectional echo sounding instrument of the former Kriegsmarine (German Navy). The new instrument was to be smaller in dimensions and designed for the material now in use. Complete sketches and other basic records of the Kriegsmarine were not available. The confidential project had the cover designation K 94. Both, the Soviets and the KVP See had some special technical requirements which had not yet been fixed. Willi Engel, an impulse expert of the ZET Department (Technical Development of Decimeter and Centimeter Instruments), was in charge of the project.

The instrument was to operate at a frequency of 15 kc/s and to make possible horizontal and vertical soundings to a maximum range of 8,000 meters. The oscillator was to be mounted in a group of four on a rotating periscope. The order for the development of the extending mechanism for the omnidirectional echo sounding device and for the construction of an experimental model had been received from WTB fuer Geratebau (Scientific Technical Office for Instrument Construction) in Berlin in March 1954. Personnel problems hampered the development activities. EFEM (Development and Production of Electric Measuring Instruments) was allegedly also involved in the development of sounding devices.

9. In the spring of 1954, conferences at Funkwerk Koepenick were held with 3 to 5 representatives of the VP See from Stralsund and with experts from the plant. Some VP representatives wore civilian clothes. Funkwerk Koepenick was represented by Professor Bessler (fnu), Dr. Weter, Roessler, Kersten and by Klein of the designing office. The subject handled during the conferences indicated that the VP See representatives were technically well trained and that they had good special knowledge in some fields. The last conference held in May 1954^{was} attended also by a representative of the Sea Hydrographic Service in Stralsund. The possibilities of constructing an echo sounding instrument for an experimental boat of aluminum which was under construction at a shipyard in Stralsund were discussed at the conferences. The VP See representatives stated that the hull was made of ALMG 5 type aluminum which was similar to the Hydronal used in aircraft production. The experts of Funkwerk Koepenick were shown a material sample. The aluminum plates for the sides and bottom of the hull were 5 mm thick. The keel of the boat was very flat. The echo sounding device was to be designed for lightweight construction of smallest dimensions for a measuring range from 50 cm to 400 meters. It was of primary importance that the oscillator be located in the hull in order to keep the stream line under any circumstances.

The experts of Funkwerk Koepenick stated that, in view of the lack of experience with this new type of oscillator installation (assembly), a comparatively long period would be required for the research activities. Furthermore various materials would have to be obtained from the West. When the VP See representatives gave October 1954 as the last possible target date, the order was turned down by the plant management on advice of the experts.

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10. As suggested by Laboratory TEN 3, an urgent request for the redevelopment of the PL 21 thyratron of the Philips Firm was turned over to the Werk fuer Fernmeldewesen (Plant of Telecommunications) in September 1954. This was done in order to speed the conversion to miniature-type construction. The funds were already approved. It was also planned to copy a Senavtron, (sic) from a western model to replace the mechanical relay in an impulse generator. Mercury was to be used for the anode and cathode. The power was to be 300 amp at 2 kV.
11. Dipl Ing Hasler (Flu) worked on the development of oscillators for the purpose of analyzing the magnetostrictional properties of various materials and to produce an instrument to measure the absolute output of the oscillators. The Hermsdorf Ceramic Works supplied the barium titanate required for these activities.
12. The following development projects were handled by Laboratory TEN 4:
 - a. Seaworthy moving coil microphone for frequencies up to 7 kc/s. At 5 kc/s the frequency curve showed a depression of 5 decibels. The microphone was similar to a reporter microphone and equipped with a diaphragm of Stiroflex foil and a coil of 0.06 mm copper wire.
 - b. Switchable condenser microphone with electrically adjustable characteristics.
The microphone cited in paragraph "a", a development of Siegfried Riemann, was completed in October 1954 and subsequently tested at a broadcast. The sound engineers stated that this was the best microphone they knew of and that it was even better than Western products. The microphone was equipped with a gold foil.
 - c. Sounding device to measure the content of silos and bunkers, etc. The test model was completed in October 1954.
 - d. Train supervising device.
 - e. Crack detector to find material defects in sheets, etc, by means of a change in the magnetic field which in turn was indicated by a glow lamp. The development was completed in November 1954. A further development of the detector by Schoene was planned for 1955.
 - f. Tape recorder with very constant operation at a tape speed of 19 cm/s and with frequency spectrum.
 - g. Tape recorder for the modulation of SOS distress call devices.
 - h. Dictograph for blind persons. Experiments to use wire as sound carrier had failed.
13. The output of echo recorders and echo sounding devices amounted to Model 8621.001 echo recorders
 - 1953: 60 sets for the USSR
10 sets for the Rostock and Sassnitz Fishing Combines
 - 1954: 120 sets for Stralsund Volkswerft to be installed in luggers, trawlers etc for the USSR
10 sets for East German requirements

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Model 8621.002 echo sounding devices

1953: about 70 sets for the USSR via Volkswerft Stralsund
2 sets for Rostock/Marienshe Fishing Combine

1954: 50 to 70 sets were delivered to the USSR
10 sets for the DDR were completed.

All instruments produced for the USSR were delivered with a spare parts kit containin_ 5 sets of all component parts, while the instruments for East German requirements had only one set of spare parts.

14. The 1955 production plan included:

30 echo recorders, model No 8621.003 for the Rostock and Gassnitz Fishing Combines

220 echo recorders, model No 8621.007, most of them probably for the USSR

100 echo sounding devices.

The electronic fish detector was to be produced by Plant II after November 1955. Four experimental instruments were to be sea tested.

15. All echo sounding devices had to meet the requirements of the Soviet Nautical Register (Seefahrtsregister). One especially important factor was that the Soviet Nautical Register did not permit the use of electrolytic condensers. All instruments had to be protected against water and to operate at a temperature range of 70°C Centigrade above zero to 50°C Centigrade below zero. Also required were special safety contacts, and additional specifications for the shafts of the potentiometers and the tube supports. All casings had to be produced of silumin.
16. The equipment of the TEN laboratories was complete and included many new instruments of postwar production. The activities of the TEN 3 laboratory were handicapped by the lack of a test stand for impedance specially designed for magnetostrictional oscillators and the lack of a measuring boat for mobile tests. A test stand available at the Dahme river, was designed only for horizontal measurements to 960 meters. Further handicaps were the various temperatures of water layering which effected indication errors as a result of the refraction of the bundled ultrasonic ray. These partly serious difficulties made the plant management speed the completion of a measuring boat which was only half completed at a shipyard in Furstenberg/Oder by 3 November 1954. Although the boat was scheduled to be put into operation in the summer of 1954, it would probably not be completed before the fall of 1955.
17. A Chinese and a Korean commission visited the plant in mid-1954. The latter commission was presented with a complete set of an echo recording device and the first production model of a fish detector. The funds for this present had been made available by collections at the plant. Soviet commissions, mostly engineers, frequently visited the plant.

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18. The development projects were hampered considerably by supply difficulties. Even for simple single parts the delivery term was six months. Major difficulties were involved in the supply of the following parts:

high voltage condensers, 0.25 to 2 μ F for 2 to 6 kV
 special miniature condensers of metallic paper and Silan
 220-V miniature motors; the brushes were of poor quality
 and the delivery terms 9 months
 piezoelectrical material from the Hermsdorf Ceramics Plant
 cathode ray tubes from the Plant of Telecommunications and
 Funkwerk Erfurt, allegedly because of a shortage of molybdenum
 and tungsten.

19. Ing Walter Treusch and Ing Sieland (fnu) worked in the research department of the tumor clinic of the Institute of Medicine and Biology of the DAdW (German Academy of Sciences) at Berlin Buch on the development of an electronic computing instrument. The instrument was to be equipped with tubes of the 80-type series of East German production and with West German tubes. An experimental model of the instrument was allegedly completed.

1. Comment. For table of organization and personnel of the plant and the TEM departments, see Annex.

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Table of Organization and Personnel of Funkwerk Koenig, Especially
Department TEN for Low Frequency Techniques

A. Key Positions:

Plant chief and commercial manager: Paul Boer,

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Technical manager:

Walter Heine,

Plant I Development Department I

Development Department II for Measuring Instruments and Low Frequency Techniques.

Chief:

Dr Heinrich Weber,

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Plant II

Chief production:

Ing Schmidt,

Production Department

Mechanical workshop: Stange (fnu)
Switching technical
workshop: Krieger (fnu)
quality control

Plant III to be transferred from Zernsdorf.

B. Table of Organization of Development Department II

TEN Department

Chief:

Ing Willy Geissler,

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TEN 1, Amplifier Laboratory:

Geissler and 5 assistants

TEN 2, Modulation Laboratory:

Kurt Guldenspennig
his assistants were Willi Rosen and
two others

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TEN 3, Hydroacoustical
Laboratory:

Ing Harald Pessler,

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Personnel of TEN 3Deputy chief of laboratory,
developer of echo recording
devices:

Ing Alfred Kesten,

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Competent for echo sounding device
for small depths and for fish
detectors:

Ing Roessler,

Oscillators:

Dipl Ing Gotthardt Hassler,

Omnidirectional echo sounding
device:

Ing Willi Engel,

Echo sounding device for small
depths and fish detector:

Ing Ernst Rueffert,

Echo recording device:

Ing Kurt Mueller,

Laboratory assistant

Hardt (fnu),

Switching mechanic

Alfred Calenius,

Chief mechanic

Kurt Drefke,

TEN 4, Electroacoustical Laboratory: Ing Fritz Knochenhauer,

Personnel of TEN 4

Laboratory technician:

Heinz Kosmehl,

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Ing Heinz Lehmann

Crack detector:

Ing Schoene (fnu),

Damping recorder:

Ing Gnabs (fnu),

Laboratory technician and
competent expert for microphones:

Siegfried Riemann,

Mechanic:

Timpel (fnu),

Section chief and expert for
bunker sounding device:

Ing Helmut Vortbrodt,

Endolcin (fnu)

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TEN 5, Quartz Laboratory:

Ing Scheil,

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A laboratory workshop with 8 persons and the administration with three persons belonged also to the TEN Department.

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TEN Department

Chief:

Heinz Dobesch,

The Department included laboratories, among others, for television control installations and impulse oscillographs. Hans Fleischer and Klaus-Guenter Ebert were laboratory chiefs.

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